

Selected BLS Economic Indicators



Scranton--Wilkes-Barre

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Pennsylvania, Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)**.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
Northeast	214.7	219.501	2.2
Northeast (size class B/C)*	127.3	129.563	1.8
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
Northeast	211.0	215.802	2.3
Northeast (size class B/C)*	127.6	129.856	1.8
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

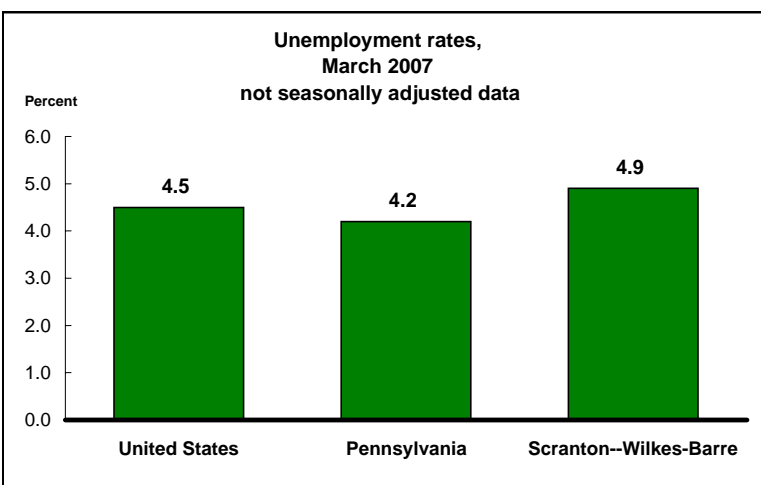
*Northeastern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)

Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,255.0	6,913.0	-342.0	-4.7
Pennsylvania	317.1	264.1	-53.0	-16.7
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre	16.5	13.4	-3.1	-18.8

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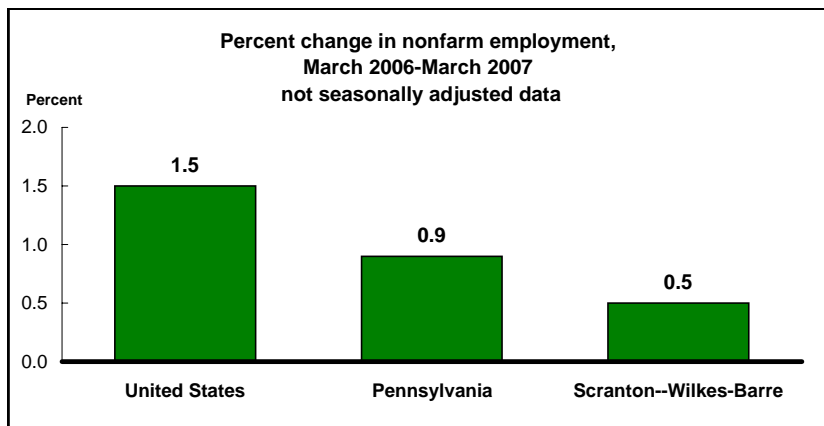


Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	1st Qtr. 2006	1st Qtr. 2007	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
Northeast	100.9	104.0	3.1
Middle Atlantic	100.9	104.2	3.3
Occupational Wages Selected Occupations	Mean Hourly Earnings May 2005		
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All Occupations	\$15.21		
Education, training, and library	21.07		
Office and administrative support	12.40		
Construction and extraction	17.16		
Sales and related	12.89		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	23.52		
Food preparation and serving related	8.04		
Production	13.76		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	16.56		
Transportation and material moving	12.94		

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	134,868.0	136,835.0	1,967.0	1.5
Pennsylvania	5,697.8	5,751.3	53.5	0.9
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre	259.5	260.8	1.3	0.5

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The Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming Counties in Pennsylvania.